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Please note that news sites update their hyperlinks, so it is advised that articles of interest be read soon as they might not be accessible later.

### **Volunteers at Novi's 52-1 District Court are focus of new *Court Stories* video**

[Press release](#)

### **Detroit Free Press: Michigan attorney general pushes for probe of fungal meningitis outbreak**

"... [Michigan Attorney General Bill Schuette] has asked the Michigan Court of Appeals to approve the appointment of a multi-county grand jury to look into the case in which the New England Compounding Center, a Massachusetts-based company, distributed the steroid to medical facilities in Washtenaw, Macomb, Genesee and Grand Traverse counties."

[Full story](#)

#### ***Also see:***

### **The Detroit News: Michigan attorney general says state 'the epicenter' of meningitis**

[Full story](#)

### **Associated Press: Mich. AG seeks criminal probe of meningitis deaths**

[Full story](#)

**Note:** The article also ran in the Ann Arbor.com, the Battle Creek Enquirer, the Detroit Legal News, the Lansing State Journal, and the Times Herald/Port Huron.

### **Daily Press & Argus: Heat rises on pharmacy linked to meningitis outbreak - Michigan attorney general wants grand jury**

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### **The Oakland Press: Michigan's attorney general seeks criminal probe of meningitis deaths**

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### **Traverse City Record-Eagle: Mich. AG seeks criminal probe of meningitis deaths**

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### **WKAR News/East Lansing: Schuette Asks For Grand Jury To Investigate Steroid Illnesses, Deaths**

[Full story](#)

### **The Detroit News: Worthy: \$9M budget shortfall hurts ability to fight Metro Detroit crime**

"Wayne County Prosecutor Kym Worthy told county commissioners Wednesday that she is dealing with a \$9 million budgetary shortfall that is hampering her ability to help fight crime in Metro Detroit."

[Full story](#)

### **Detroit Free Press: Judge's actions in Cipriano case lead to complaint**

"An Oakland County judge held a closed-door hearing in her chambers Tuesday about an upcoming murder trial and refused afterward to put what occurred on the record in open court. Circuit Judge Shalina Kumar's actions in the Tucker Cipriano case violate both state and federal constitutions, said Free Press attorney Herschel Fink, who is lodging a complaint with the court."

[Full story](#)

#### ***Also see:***

**The Detroit News: Lawyers, judge in deadly home invasion case meet (fourth article)**

[Full story](#)

**The Oakland Press: Pretrial hearing for Tucker Cipriano, Mitchell Young held in judge's chambers WITH VIDEO**

[Full story](#)

**Note:** The article also ran in the Daily Tribune and the Macomb Daily.

**The Detroit News: Ex-head of Detroit police homicide unit accused of perjury**

"... During the Oct. 28, 2009 hearing, [William] Rice allegedly gave false testimony he was with [Davontae] Sanford, his mother and a great-aunt at the time of the murders. [Wayne County Circuit Judge Brian] Sullivan later denied Sanford's motion to withdraw the guilty plea, a decision the Michigan Court of Appeals is set to hear. No date has been set, Sanford's mother said Tuesday."

[Full story](#)

**Also see:**

**Detroit Free Press: Ex-Detroit police homicide unit head charged with lying on witness stand**

[Full story](#)

**MLive.com: Ex-Detroit homicide detective lied to court in murder case, prosecutor says**

[Full story](#)

**The Detroit News: Good Friday to close Macomb Co. offices (fifth article)**

"Macomb County government offices and the courts will close at noon Friday in observance of Good Friday. They will reopen at 8:30 a.m. Monday."

[Full story](#)

**The Detroit News: Ban on cellphones for teen drivers to take effect**

"Michigan is launching a public information campaign about a new law that takes effect this week that prohibits teen drivers from using a hand-held cellphone while behind the wheel."

[Full story](#)

**Also see:**

**Detroit Free Press: Ban on cellphones for teen drivers to take effect**

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**Detroit Free Press: Editorial: If justices shirk their duty, Judge Friedman should do his**

"Three weeks after U.S. District Judge Bernard Friedman decided he'd wait to see what the nation's highest court had to say before ruling on the constitutionality of Michigan's 8-year-old gay marriage ban, U.S. Supreme Court justices seem to be looking for a way to dodge the issue altogether."

[Full story](#)

**Associated Press: Mich. courts weigh suits against right-to-work law**

"The fate of Michigan's right-to-work law that takes effect Thursday is in the hands of four courts weighing a host of legal issues.... Cases are pending in Ingham County, the state Court of Appeals, the Michigan Supreme Court and a federal court in Detroit."

[Full story](#)

### **Flint Journal: Corrine Baker eyes possible appeal after pleading to role in murder of son Dominick Calhoun**

"... Corrine Baker, 28, was in Genesee Circuit Court Tuesday, March 26, shackled and wearing the typical Michigan Department of Corrections blue uniform, for a hearing to determine if there are grounds for a possible appeal after she pleaded guilty to second-degree murder and second-degree child abuse."

[Full story](#)

### **Macomb County Legal News: Cooley Law students help teens run own court**

"... Right from the start, Dean Joan Vestrand makes it clear [to students at Cooley Law School's Ann Arbor campus] that during their three years here, their new home is Washtenaw County, and that they should make a difference here. Since its inception in January of 2012, the Ypsilanti High School Student Court is one of the ways Cooley students do just that."

[Full story](#)

### **The Macomb Daily: Child molester's prison release upheld by Macomb judge**

"A Macomb County judge rejected the prosecutor's challenge and will allow a man who molested three girls to be released from prison. Mark Liske, 47, could be freed soon after visiting-Judge Robert Chrzanowski recently turned down Prosecutor Eric Smith's claim that the state Parole Board abused its discretion."

[Full story](#)

**Note: The article also ran in the Daily Tribune.**

### **Muskegon Chronicle: Muskegon jury delivers guilty verdict after unusual 15-day halt: stabber meant to murder**

"It took a little longer to get there, but once a jury began deliberating the case of James Allen Tomas, the verdict was swift: guilty of assault with intent to murder.... Tomas' trial in the case of a severe stabbing came to a highly unusual halt March 7, just before jury deliberations normally would have started."

[Full story](#)

### **The News-Herald/Southgate: TAYLOR: Reading Corps receives statewide award**

"... The Taylor Reading Corps is a direct result of [Geno] Salomone's effort to create a volunteer adult reading force to work with students in the Taylor School District. A judge in the 23rd District Court and a lifelong resident of Taylor, Salmone witnessed first-hand in his courtroom the negative effects that come about through a lack of education."

[Full story](#)

### **The News-Herald/Southgate: Forum to focus on adoption, foster parenting**

"... Judge Christopher Dingell of Wayne County Juvenile Court will be part of a panel [during the April 8 event], along with adoption and foster care specialists and child attorneys, to discuss the rules and procedures for becoming licensed and approved foster and adoptive parents."

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